

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2008**

Commissioner Bucci began the meeting at 12 Noon held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

Dino F. Bucci Jr., President
Betty Slinde, Vice President
William J. Revoir, Secretary
Phillip A. DiMaria, Sergeant-At-Arms, excused
Anthony Lipinski, absent
Timothy M. Malone
Robert M. Sawicki
Marvin Sauger, excused
Gene Schabath
Ruth Stevenson
Bill Peterson, excused

Others Present:

David Humbyrd and Sharon Quinn, Parks & Recreation; and
Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Schabath, supported by Commissioner Slinde. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights congratulated the staff on a fine job with Pet-a-Palooza event, also expressed disappointment for not having fireworks this year and stated lights remain on passed closing time at the concert venue, and also inquired on status of the lease.

President Bucci commented that a donation came very late and logistically fireworks could not be arranged. He further noted that we use donations to put on the fireworks and expressed that next year's arrangements should be met on a timelier basis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2008 was made by Commissioner Schabath, supported by Commissioner Stevenson. Motion carried.

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BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Humbyrd on behalf of Mr. Casasanta stated there was nothing to report on the current budget. Also, Mr. Casasanta is working on the 2009/2010 budget due July 18th and commissioners can request a copy upon completion.

A motion to approve the budget as reported by the Park Foreman was made by Commissioner Sawicki, supported by Commissioner Schabath. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Humbyrd referred to correspondence regarding the fallen heroes memorial and also correspondence regarding asphalt repairs at the concert venue to be handled by Hillside.

Mr. Humbyrd was asked if Hillside gave a response to our memo concerning parking rates. Mr. Humbyrd responded that the Park did not receive a response back.

President Bucci stated that the County cannot proceed with memorials until legal matters are completed resolved and this has been communicated to memorial representatives by Corporation Counsel.

A motion to receive and file correspondence as submitted was made by Commissioner Stevenson, supported by Commissioner Slinde. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Meyerand explained that parking rates have remained the same as last year, which was indicated in the letter to Hillside Productions.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan Whirlybirds Renewal Request for 2008/2009

A motion by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Revoir was made to approve the contract renewal for Michigan Whirlybirds. Motion carried.

OTHER

Commissioner Malone commented if a renegotiation over the Hill occurs in the future that residents be considered and that a request for engineering be done regarding noise levels.

Medilodge Event Request

Questions were raised regarding this event.

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A motion to approve the Medilodge event subject to conditions per Corporation Counsel was made by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Sawicki. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Stevenson, supported by Commissioner Malone. Motion carried.

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

WJR/sq